Listing of Claims

- 1 16. (Canceled)
- 17. (Original) An isolated recombinant polyepitope polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of sequences recited in SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, and combinations of two or more thereof.
 - 18. (Withdrawn) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide of claim 17.
- 19. (Withdrawn) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 18, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 7, and 9.
 - 20. (Withdrawn) A vector comprising at least one nucleic acid molecule of claim 19.
 - 21. (Withdrawn) A host cell transformed with a vector of claim 20.
 - 22. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising at least one polypeptide of claim 17.
- 23. (Original) The composition of claim 22, further comprising at least one component selected from the group consisting of pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, adjuvants, and combinations of two or more thereof.
- 24. (Withdrawn) A method of eliciting an immune response against an antigenic epitope in a subject, comprising introducing into the subject the composition of claim 22.
- 25. (Withdrawn) A method for inhibiting or treating HIV-1 in a subject, comprising administering to the subject the composition of claim 22.
- 26. (Withdrawn) A method for enhancing an immune response in a subject, comprising administering to the subject the composition of claim 22.

27. (Canceled)

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28. (Withdrawn) A composition comprising at least one nucleic acid molecule of claim

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